

External Assistance to Uttar Pradesh

26. LT. GEN. PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted proposals to the Union Government for financial assistance from Indo-French Assistance Protocol and Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Kuwait Fund for supply of hospital equipments and expansion of hospitals respectively; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since 1996, Government of Uttar Pradesh has forwarded three proposals for financial assistance from the Indo-French Assistance Protocol & OPEC Fund. The status of these proposals is indicated below:—

1. Import of equipment worth FF 3.56 million for the treatment of cancer at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow under Indo-French Financial Protocol. This proposal, which was posed to the French authorities through Department of Economic Affairs, has since been approved.
2. Supply of equipment worth FF 72 million to Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow under the Indo French Protocol Assistance programme. This proposal has been posed to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs on 16th September, 1997, who in turn, have further posed it to the Embassy of France.
3. Construction and Establishment of a 300 bedded modern hospital at an estimated cost of Rs. 3270.05 lakh in Badaumi from OPEC Fund. The proposal has been posed to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs on 27.3.1997 for posing to the donor agency.

Chandrapur Thermal Power Station

27. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for enlistment of contract in Chandrapur Thermal Power Station under Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) whether a Committee was set up some time back for the purpose and later on wound up;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to constitute a fresh Committee for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) is not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) DVC follows a uniform set of norms for enlistment of contractors for various categories of works. These norms are also applicable for enlistment of contractors for Chandrapur TPS.

(b) to (f) It is common practice to review classification of contractors into different categories from time to time. A Committee to undertake such a review had been constituted in March, 1993 by the management of DVC, which was wound up after it had reviewed the classification of existing contractors. A fresh Committee has been constituted in May, 1997 for a similar review.

Haj Pilgrimage

28. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times, the Chairman and staff of the Haj Committee, Mumbai, visited Saudi Arabia in the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit and the expenditure on ticket, accommodation, transportation, TA and DA;

(c) whether such expenditure are audited; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to curtail such expenses which are deposit from the poor Haj Pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) During 1996-97, Chairmen, Haj Committee visited Saudi Arabia seven times. Executive Officer twice and 11 employees once each.

(b) The visits were undertaken as part of Haj Committee's efforts to ensure best possible arrangements for Indian Haj pilgrims in Makkah and Madinah and to meet concerned Saudi authorities in this connection.

The expenditure on the visits as furnished by Central Haj Committee is as follows.

Item	Expenditure (In Rs.)
Air tickets	Rs. 1,03,330
DA	Rs. 75,600
Accommodation	Rs. 45,000
Transport	Rs. 80,000
Foreign exchange paid to staff members @Rs. 55,000 per person	Rs. 6,52,080

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Yes Sir. The proposals for the visits of Central Haj Committee to Saudi Arabia are cleared by Government after careful consideration, keeping in view the need for best possible arrangement for the Haj by Indian pilgrims and the imperatives of economy in incurring expenditure out of the Haj Fund

Issue of Blood

29. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AIIMS blood bank has been issuing blood to private hospitals and individuals which is essentially meant for the indoor patients of the Institute;

(b) if so, the monthly average quantity of blood issued to private hospitals and individuals during the last one year;

(c) whether any norms/conditions have been laid down for issuing of blood by the AIIMS blood bank to private hospitals and individuals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the overall effect of such supply of various groups of blood on the indoor patients in the AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) The AIIMS Blood Bank issues blood to the patients who hold voluntary cards wherever they may be admitted. The blood is issued to a card holder. Exceptions are made in emergency situations or when blood is required by a voluntary blood donor who himself or his relative happens to be admitted in private hospitals.

(b) Average issue of blood to voluntary card holders admitted in private hospitals is 100-150 units per month.

(c) and (d) In accordance with the directions laid down by the State Council on blood transfusion services for National Capital Territory of Delhi, all hospitals have to honour voluntary caros.

(e) There is no impact whatsoever on the Indoor Patients as the Institute maintains large stocks of blood.

Use of Recycled Disposable Syringes

30. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that more and more people are getting infected by the HIV virus in India due to the use of recycled disposable syringes that make their way back to the hospitals from surgical wastebins;

(b) whether any estimate has been made of the extent of use of recycled syringes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the disposable syringes are not re-used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (d) There has been media reports that disposable syringes are recycled in some places. While no official estimation of the extent of this practice has been made, the guidelines on Hospital Acquired Infection Control circulated to the hospitals and State Governments detailed instructions have been given for proper disposal of blood and blood contaminated material including disposable syringes and needles incineration/shredding. This aspect has also been covered in the training programmes organised for medical and para medical personnel and is a major part of the information, education and communication campaign launched to educate the general public.

Child Health Programme

31. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the Reproductive Child Health Programme (RCHP);

(b) if so, the main objective of the programme;

(c) the States where the programme is being launched;

(d) the funds earmarked for the programme;